

Committee Meetings

CONTINUED OVERSIGHT OF THE TRANSFER OF EXCESS MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO CIVILIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Continued Oversight of the Transfer of Excess Military Equipment to Civilian Law Enforcement Agencies”. Testimony was heard from Mike Cannon, Disposition Services, Defense Logistics Agency; Wayne McElrath, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; Zina Merritt, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; and Mike Scott, Deputy Director, Logistics Operations, Defense Logistics Agency.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 767, the “SOAR to Health and Wellness Act of 2017”; H.R. 772, the “Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2017”; H.R. 880, the “MISSION ZERO Act”; H.R. 931, the “Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2017”; H.R. 2422, the “Action for Dental Health Act of 2017”; H.R. 3387, the “Drinking Water System Improvement Act”; and H.R. 3388, the “Designating Each Car’s Automation Level Act”. H.R. 767, H.R. 772, H.R. 880, H.R. 931, H.R. 2422, H.R. 3387, and H.R. 3388 were ordered reported, as amended.

THE ANNUAL TESTIMONY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY ON THE STATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Annual Testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the International Financial System”. Testimony was heard from Steven Mnuchin, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 259, expressing concern and condemnation over the political, economic, social, and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela; H. Res. 311, recognizing that for 50 years the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) has worked toward stability, prosperity, and peace in Southeast Asia; H.R. 2061, the “North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2017”; H.R. 2408, the “Protecting Girls’ Access to Education in Vulnerable Settings Act”; H. Res. 128, supporting respect for human rights and encouraging inclusive governance in Ethi-

opia; H. Res. 357, reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Canada, recognizing bilateral cooperation that advances United States national interests, and urging increased bilateral cooperation on security, economic issues, and energy, and for other purposes; H. Res. 359, urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization and increase pressure on it and its members; H. Res. 449, urging the Government of Kenya and Kenya’s political parties to respect democratic principles and hold credible, peaceful, and transparent elections in August 2017; and H.R. 1918, the “Nicaraguan Investment Conditionality Act of 2017”. H. Res. 128, H. Res. 259, H. Res. 311, H. Res. 357, H. Res. 359, H.R. 1918, and H.R. 2061 were ordered reported, as amended. H. Res. 449 and H.R. 2408 were ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a markup on H. Res. 422, urging adherence to the “one country, two systems” policy as prescribed in the Joint Declaration between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and the Government of the People’s Republic of China on the Question of Hong Kong; H. Res. 445, honoring the life and legacy of Liu Xiaobo for his steadfast commitment to the protection of human rights, political freedoms, free markets, democratic elections, government accountability, and peaceful change in the People’s Republic of China; H.R. 2732, the “North Korea Travel Control Act”; and H.R. 3320, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization, and for other purposes. H. Res. 422 and H.R. 3320 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H. Res. 445 and H.R. 2732 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

U.S. INTERESTS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC: FY 2018 BUDGET HEARING

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “U.S. Interests in the Asia-Pacific: FY 2018 Budget Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Susan Thornton, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Gloria Steele, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT: HOW CAN FEMA IMPROVE THE INTEGRITY OF ITS WORKFORCE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a hearing

entitled “Employee Misconduct: How Can FEMA Improve the Integrity of its Workforce”. Testimony was heard from David Grant, Acting Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Chris P. Currie, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

THE NEED FOR THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Need for the Balanced Budget Amendment”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ratcliffe, Scott of Virginia, Buchanan, Stivers, Amash, Loudermilk, and Murphy of Florida; and public witnesses.

ANTITRUST CONCERNS AND THE FDA APPROVAL PROCESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “Antitrust Concerns and the FDA Approval Process”. Testimony was heard from Scott Gottlieb, M.D., Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; Markus Meier, Acting Director, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission, and Assistant Director, Health Care Division, Federal Trade Commission; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 1778, to provide that an order by the Secretary of the Interior imposing a moratorium on Federal coal leasing shall not take effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted, and for other purposes; H.R. 3117, the “Transparency and Honesty in Energy Regulations Act of 2017”; and legislation to require congressional approval of any mineral withdrawal or monument designation involving the National Forest System lands in the State of Minnesota, to provide for the renewal of certain mineral leases in such lands, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cheney, Jenkins of West Virginia, and Emmer; and public witnesses.

CHALLENGES TO THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits, and Administrative Rules; and Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs held a joint hearing entitled “Challenges to the Freedom of Speech on College Campuses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMBATTING HOMEGROWN TERRORISM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Combating Homegrown Terrorism”. Testimony was heard from Kerry Sleeper, Assistant Director, Office of Partner Engagement, Federal Bureau of Investigation; George Selim, Director of Countering Violent Extremism, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018; DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BONUS TRANSPARENCY ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3180, the “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018”; and S. 114, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Bonus Transparency Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a closed rule for H.R. 3180. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted, and the bill as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported through the legislative day of August 1, 2017. In section 3, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from July 31, 2017, through September 4, 2017: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 4, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 3. In section 5, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for the purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546). In section 6, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 3 of the resolution shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII (resolutions of inquiry). Finally, section 7 of the rule provides that each day during the period addressed

by section 3 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar or legislative day for the purposes of clause 7(c)(1) of rule XXII. (motions to instruct conferees). The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule for S. 114. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Roe of Tennessee and Representatives Walz, Nunes, Schiff, Hill, and Khanna.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 437, of inquiry requesting the President to provide certain documents in the President's possession; H.R. 1735,

the "Community Empowerment for Mitigated Properties Act of 2017"; H.R. 3176, the "Disaster Assistance Fairness and Accountability Act of 2017"; H. Con. Res. 69, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; and H.R. 1758, the "Brownfields Reauthorization Act of 2017". H. Res. 437 and H. Con. Res. 69 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1735, H.R. 3176, and H.R. 1758 were ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.